

MINUTES
12.11.19
GODSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Godshill on Tuesday 10th December at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr Fell - Chairman

Cllr O'Brien

Cllr Pomphrey

Cllr Williams

Mrs Bev Cornish - Clerk

Five members of the public.

Public Session:

Cllr Williams raised the issue of the need for a sign in advance of the entrance to Crystal Hollow on behalf of a parishioner who was unable to be present. She also expressed the parishioner's concern about the disturbance caused by a private fireworks display which had started near to Crystal Hollow at 11.30 pm on Sunday 10th November and had lasted for nearly 30 minutes.

Litter Warden: Mrs Boyd advised that the new signs at the cricket pitch had had some effect in terms of encouraging dog owners to take their rubbish home with them.

116.19 To receive apologies for absence: The Clerk advised that Cllrs Cakebread and Phillips were absent from the meeting and unusually she had not received any apologies or reasons for absence from them. Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that their absences be noted.

117.19 Declarations of Interest:

a. To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers:

No declarations of interest were received.

b. To consider any Dispensation Requests received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered:

The Clerk confirmed that she had received no dispensation requests.

118.19 To resolve to approve the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 12th November 2019: Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr O'Brien seconded and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

119.19 To resolve to refer any business raised by the public in public discussion, and any other matters or items of information from councillors, to a future meeting or to resolve to agree on any other action: Cllr Fell advised that the Clerk would enquire with Hampshire County Council about sign in advance of Crystal Hollow and the issue of fireworks was to be included in the Parish Council's Strategic Plan.

120.19 To resolve to note Clerk's Report providing information on recent issues and work completed: Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the Clerk's report be noted as follows:

81.19 Defibrillator Training: The Clerk still hasn't been able to obtain a date from Ben Murley to provide training. She has chased again but was advised that he was recovering from having the norovirus!

108.19 Speed Indicator Devices: The devices were ordered and have been delivered to the Clerk's house ready for installation.

114.19 Lengthsman: The Lengthsman cleared the layby and footpath adjacent to the cattle grid. He also strimmed and tried to remove weeds with a hoe from the car park but removing them completely would have created a muddy car park so he sprayed the key areas.

121.19 Planning and Tree Work Applications:

Application No. 19/00870

Forest Brook Farm, Newgrounds, Godshill – Single storey extension; alterations to door and window: Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the decision on this application be left to the Tree Officer.

122.19 To consider a response to the Home Office's consultation on 'Strengthening police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments': Following a brief discussion, Cllr O'Brien proposed, Cllr Pomphrey seconded and it was RESOLVED that a response be delegated to Cllr Fell and the Clerk.

123.19 To resolve to approve the following payments:

£15.00 - Priority - For printing of broadband letters.

£13.99 - Fordingbridge Town Council – Lengthsman expenses.

£12.50 – AED Location (EU) Ltd - For Heartsafe Smart Tag monitoring service for defibrillator.

£30.00 - The Clerk - For monthly meter payments for village hall heating.

£31.72 - 1&1 Ionos - For Website hosting September – November.

£75.00 – New Forest District Council – Election Expenses on 2nd May 2019.

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was RESOLVED that the payments be approved.

124.19 Finance and Policy:

a. **Precept 20/21 - To consider and resolve to approve the draft 3 year budget and precept submitted by the Clerk and to consider any projects for the 20/21 financial year:** Following a brief discussion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was RESOLVED that a Precept be approved and set £10,871 for 2020/21. The Band D figure was set at £48.62 which was an increase of 5.2% on 2019/20 or £2.41.

b. **To consider and resolve to approve the allocated reserves of the Parish Council with particular regard to reserving sums for:**

The Clerk left the room for the discussion and decision on this item.

i. **A contribution towards the Clerk's second year further training course for the Certificate of Higher Education in Community Governance (Level 4) awarded by De Montfort University:** Following confirmation that Clerk had passed the first year of her course and he had received support from all councillors, Cllr Fell proposed from

the Chair and it was RESOLVED that a contribution of £940 be allocated to the Clerk's second year of her training course.

Godshill Parish Council also RESOLVED to approve the sum of £6,190 being the total allocated reserves which would include the sums of £150 for signage for a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and £1,200 as a contribution towards the refurbishment of the Village Hall toilets.

- c. To consider requests for grants under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 from:** Following a discussion, Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Pomphrey seconded and it was resolved that the following amounts be approved:

• Fordingbridge & District Day Centre	£100
• Rae Straton Lunch Club/Day Care	£100
• New Forest Disability Information Service	£100

It was further resolved that the following amounts be approved for an additional two organisations as follows:

• Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance	£150
• Fordingbridge Community First Responders	£150

- d. To resolve to approve the sum of £510.92 as the Accounts for payment for December:**

	£	Cheque No.
Priority - Printing of broadband letters	15.00	100640
Fordingbridge Town Council – Lengthsman	13.99	100641
AED Location (EU) Ltd Smart Tag	15.00	100642
The Clerk - Village hall heating	30.00	100643
NFDC - Election Expenses	75.00	100644
1 & 1 Ionos - Website hosting	31.72	DD
B Cornish – December salary	330.21	100645

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Williams seconded and it was RESOLVED that the accounts for payment be approved.

- e. To resolve to approve the Bank balances - Cheque and Reserve Accounts:**

Balances to be Approved and Noted as at 10.12.19

Current Account: £12,841.92 Deposit Account: £581.12

Cllr Fell proposed, Cllr Pomphrey seconded and it was RESOLVED that the balances be approved.

125.19 Outside Bodies and Representation:

North West Quadrant Meeting: Cllr Pomphrey gave a detailed report on a recent meeting at which two newly recruited New Building Design and Conservation Officers had been present, Sally Knott and Emily Dee and David Williams, Head of Enforcement. One of their roles was to compile a list of the 1700 or so buildings of special historical interest in the forest which don't appear on any other list and they would be happy to attend a parish council meeting to provide guidance to councillors.

Cllr Pomphrey also reported that David Williams had said that the NPA were going to be more pro-active on enforcement issues and Steve Avery had talked through the new Local Plan, highlighting the additions of dark skies, areas of tranquillity and the new constraints for any new 28 day pop up camping sites.

Village Hall Committee: Cllr Williams reported that there was to be a Story Telling event called 'A Christmas Carole' held on Saturday 14th December. She encouraged everyone to attend and said that when it had been held in previous years it had been a great success.

Broadband: Cllr Fell gave a brief report on the delivery of a letter to residents in the areas of the parish which had low broadband performance asking them whether they wished to participate in the Council's bid for a grant towards the installation of Fibre to the Premises. He said once the responses had been received, the Council would seek a revised quote from BT Openreach but it was likely to be next February before all responses had been returned and a view could be taken on how to proceed.

Parish Council Open Morning: Cllr O'Brien gave a brief report on what she regarded to be a successful event and which had been attended by around 20 residents. A number of ideas and issues had been highlighted and these would be included in the 3 year Strategic Plan which the Clerk was drafting.

126.19 To resolve to note the Correspondence received: : Cllr Fell proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that the following items of correspondence be noted:

1. Hampshire County Council Countryside Access Team
- the annual vegetation cutting list for 2020/21.
2. Fordingbridge and Ringwood Footpath Society - December edition of Waymark.
3. Citizens Advice New Forest - Annual Report.
4. Parishioner - A copy email to NFDC Environmental Health Department about noise at Sandy Balls on 1st December 2019 due to an open air event.

127.19 Any Other Business:

Damage to Fencing and Gate Beside Cattle Grid: Cllr O'Brien gave a brief report on the accident which had involved the Post Office delivery van early in the morning of Saturday 16th November. She said that the driver or recovery lorry had not reported the accident to Hampshire Police, although it had caused the demolition of the side gate and fencing beside the cattle grid and had damaged the electricity connection. She said that she, the Clerk and Cllr Williams had been present at the Open Morning that day so the clerk had been able to report the damage to Scottish and Southern Electricity who came out later that day. She understood that the damage to the gate and fencing had been reported to Hampshire County Council by a member of the Verderers and officers had arrived later in the morning to make temporary repairs so that animals could not access the other side of the cattle grid.

128.19 Next meeting: Cllr Fell confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 14th January 2020.

With no other business, the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Members of the Council considered the foregoing in the matters in consideration of their duties: Equal Opportunities, (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability); Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety, and Human Rights.